

REMARKS:

Claims 1-48 are pending.

Claims 3, 16, 30, 34, 36, 40 and 44 have been cancelled.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation recited in Claim 16. Claims 2 and 4 have been amended to depend from Claim 1.

The Finality of the Rejection

Applicants have been issued a final rejection in the instant case. However, this final rejection cites a new reference. Examiner has cited, for the first time, US 2004/0158010 to Lehmus et al. (hereinafter Lehmus). Applicant respectfully submits that since a new reference is cited the office action should not be made final. Applicant respectfully requests that the finality of the rejection be removed.

Objections to the Claims

Claims 16-20 and 48 are deemed allowable if redrafted in independent form including all intervening limitations. Claim 1 has been amended to recite the limitations of Claim 16 and Claim 16 has been deleted. Furthermore, Claims 2 and 4 have been amended to depend from Claim 1. Since all the claims now depend from an allowable independent claim, all the claims are now allowable.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 3 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as anticipated by US 20020013440 ("Agarwal"). Claim 3 has been deleted and Claim 4 has been amended to depend from allowable Claim 1, rendering the rejections moot.

Claims 1-15, 21-24, 26, 29-33, 35, 37-39, 41-43, and 45-47 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by US 2004/0158010 to Lehmus et al. Claim 1 has been

amended to include the limitations recited in Claim 16 and as such, is allowable. The remaining claims depend from Claim 1 and as such, are allowable.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 25, 27, and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Lehmus. Claims 25, 27, and 28 depend from allowable Claim 1, and as such, are allowable.

Applicant respectfully solicits a notice of allowance. Applicant invites the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney if there are any issues outstanding which have not been presented to the Examiner's satisfaction.

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